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> is a time of uncertainty, creates a dampening effect on the economy and on the attitude of businessmen toward future investments. But the alternative was to ignore the energy problem for months and perhaps years.

The same thing applies to welfare reform, the same thing applies to tax reform, the same thing applies to tax reform.

So I believe that these kinds of criticisms that might have come from Mr. Burns, that the volume of proposals might have created uncertainty, are just honest differences of opinion, and I think I've made the right decisions. I agree with Mr. Burns that the profitability of our fire enterprise system, the business profits, ought to be up. And one of the things that I hope to do with the tax reform proposals and others is to improve cripital retuction as that new investments can be made

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President Carter responding to questions after his news conference at the Old Executive Office Building

deliberations and because of that tenacity that we demonstrated, I think it kept our whole program together, and that's my present stance. I have told members of the House and Senate who have come to see, I've told labor leaders, business groups and also consumer groups that before I modify at all our own official position on these very controversial energy policies that I would consult with them ahead of I would consult with

It obviously might be necessary to do some compounising, otherwise the conference committee, report could not function. But my position is still completely compatible with what we proposed to the Congress beck in April I outlined in my opening statement that the three basic principals—one is to protect the interests of American consumers and not to permit windfall profits for the oil companies; secondly

that extent, and whether you believe that there's anything in the icea that people still think as a Georg an you don't belong here?

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My own attitude toward leadership the in politics, when I was Governor of a Georgia and since I've been Iresident Si and during the campaign itself, was to to try to analyze the most difficult to the timid or reticent about creking in solutions for them—recognizing that to some of them have very difficult aspects that almost defy solution, but M pects that almost defy that they're all important try.

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I was thinking the other day about what new major innovative proposals might be forthcoming next year and the year after.

I can't think of any. I think we'd addressed all of the major problems already. There may be some new ones that evolve in an unpredictable way that we'll have in an unpredictable way that we'll have this year, and I think we'll have additional success next year. So I feel good about to address, but I think most of the major debates now have already been initiated. Some will be concluded this year, some have already been concluded by Congress this year, and I think we'll have addition-

Q. Do you think that they will hold that against you? A. The Georgians don't hold it against me. Not don't think being from Georgia is something that is of genuine concern to people. That might be a contrived additional reason not to want me to be in office.

8. South Africa Steps

Q. In addition to the mandatory arms embargo, which you mentioned, what other unliateral steps do you think the United States will be taking outside the boundaries of the resolution, such as the Export-Import Bank's commercial sales guarantees and things of this kind, and are you ruling out for now any trade are you ruling out for now any trade the property of a general nature?

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A. We are not deciding at this point to namy sort of general trade embargo u or investment embargo. The additional steps that might be taken beyond an arms tembargo that would be mandatory have not been decided.

9. Questions for Liddy

Mr. President, when he got out of he jail recently, Gordon Liddy expressed a gratifude for his early release and he said that he felt, himself bound to carry out if any orders from the Commander in Chief, any orders from the Commander in Chief, if Sir, given that situation, and in order his to put the record straight at long last, if do you think it would be proper for you to instruct him to say what he was doubling if in the Watergate, what he was looking if for, who authorized the burglary and any to other information he might have?

A. Well I've not had any contact with its he had a was released from prison, and my released sections.

be a general realization that rate is coming down slowly, but I think ness questions should have surely. The balance of trade is better than it was. We have a high rate of king the other tables. business investments.

be thankful for than our nation does. But most of what I hear as President in delegations that come to see me and large group meetings that I have is complaining and expressions of despair, quite often in hopes that as the Government makes decisions that, the squeaking wheel will get more grease and they will get more benefits from Federal Government policies. is any other nation that has a stronger underlying economic base and more to be thankful for than our nation does. I think we have a lot to be proud of in this country. I don't believe there

But I think the general sense of the polls that we discussed at that lunche on meeting was that there's an inhere on meeting was that there's an inhere of the polls can be used to point and the fact that the American people can't understand all that many proposals at one time. And one of the things we discussed is what I said earlie or that I would think that after this er that I would think that after whise year, as far as I can see in my own a plans, most of major problems would be addressed. But it was a friendly demering and there was nothing to be concerned about.

11. Rights of Palestinians

Q. In a press conference earlier this year you mentioned that the Palestinians have a right to a homeland and to compensation for losses they have suffered. From your perspective, do the Palestinians have any other legitimate right?

A. Well the Palestinians have rights dras I described in my United Nations. dispecch, as do all human beings. The Palestinians are one major group of refugees that have been created in the refugees also. But I think all human beings have the same basic veerning group for freedom, for human self-respect, for a home in which they can live, for the right to raise a family, to have education, health care, food, so I would he say in that, respect they have same eventually the same of the right to raise a family.

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